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The President's Corner

Dear Co-Workers:

"Trust in Him at all times." Psalms 62:10

Another eventful two months have slipped by. How we thank and praise our God for His help and guidance. We thank all of our wonderful women too for their response to our letter for the check-up on the dues and finances. We can count on you!

National Convention at Lincoln, Nebraska, was a wonderful inspiration. The Lord gave a safe and enjoyable trip down and back. Mrs. Ralph Kraft, who went with me, was a first rate delegate and travelling companion and we were so happy to have Beverly Johnson and Marlow Kulish at the YTC Rally there on Saturday (thanks to Mrs. Everett Johnson who brought them down and to Mrs. Kulish for her co-operation in getting them there.) North Dakota was represented by five people! Some changes were made in the constitution by National, which we will bring up at the State Convention. The dues to National, which we accepted last year, will be, as stated before, 85c per member (due to rising costs on all sides). I'm sure we are going to like our new dues plan, a prayer and a penny a day. The plan was printed in the Nov.-Dec. 1968 issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

We look forward to the State Convention at Grand Forks, October 15-17. We trust that all of you are making plans to attend. An interesting program is being planned and, perhaps a tour will be included. There will be a **special offer for new subscriptions to the Union Signal and Young Crusader during the Convention only.** For each ten new subscriptions there will be one free, so please local presidents, be prepared to turn in some new subscriptions. We had a big loss last year and we want to make a gain this year. No doubt you have your literature on the "Action Ahead" contest to begin September 1st. I'm sure it will be profitable for all of us to enter this contest and do our best to win. Five years of our "On To The Century Mark" have gone and we did not quite make half our goal. However we can win if we just work a little harder. Our God is with us!

Our latest report of Mrs. Ottinger's condition is not a happy one. I stopped to see her both on the way to National and returning. She had a weak smile for me. Do continue to pray for her, Dr. Ottinger and the family that they might be sustained at this time. Many inquired for her at the Convention. She was greatly missed there and at our YTC Camp. Hoping to see you in Grand Forks in October.

With love - Yours for Him and ACTION AHEAD,
Eva M. Peet, Acting President.

Propaganda is spreading to legalize marijuana. Its use has become a serious problem on our college campuses and its contribution to crime in our larger cities is increasing. Recent interviews with heroin addicts revealed that 75 per cent began with marijuana. Protect our youth by warning them of the dangers of smoking "pot" and report all suspected peddlers to the authorities.

— Mrs. Carl W. Bodin

Life is no looseleaf book; each page that is turned remains intact with all we have penned, and when we've turned the last, there is no refill.

STATE CONVENTION

The 80th Annual Convention of the N. D. Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet in the **Wesley United Methodist church**, corner of 4th St. and 1st Ave. N., Grand Forks, North Dakota, **October 15-17, 1969.**

The General Officers will meet in the church at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday the 15th, followed by the Executive Committee meeting at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting of the Official Board at 2:30 p.m.

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Convention Speaker



MRS. H. J. BODINE

We are happy to announce that Mrs. H. J. Bodine from St. Paul, Minnesota, will be our Convention Speaker. At present Mrs. Bodine is State Treasurer of the Minnesota WCTU and is and has been for some time, YTC Camp registrar.

She has been a district president for 22 years, state treasurer for 12 years, local president for 18 years and state Director of Home Protection and Social Service. She also belongs to Gospel Missions Auxiliary in both St. Paul and Minneapolis.

We feel that Mrs. Bodine is well qualified to be our guest speaker and we are happy to have one with her experience to speak to us. I'm sure each of us will profit from listening to her.

"Scientific evidence points to alcohol as the largest single factor in the death of three Americans every hour on the highways or 1000 people per week."

"Scientific evidence has concluded that alcohol is involved in over half the escalating crime committed in the nation."

MINOT ANNUAL DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The annual WCTU Convention of the Minot District, was held in the Bethany Lutheran Church in Rugby on May 19, 1969.

A coffee and fellowship hour preceded the day's meeting. Mrs. Vernon Forthun, Sawyer, District president, presided at both morning and afternoon sessions.

Mrs. Edward Fannik, Max, led the group in singing, "The Churchs One Foundation." Mrs. Alex Meronuck was the pianist for the day.

Devotions were given by Rev. Gordon Bernston, Rugby. He read from Romans 14:13, stressing that our greatest power is the indwelling Spirit of Christ, who helps us stand against the evil one. He closed his devotions by asking God's blessings upon the meeting for that day.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness led the flag salutes, followed by a warm welcome to Rugby by Rev. M. J. Nielsen of that city. He stated that we should love and be concerned for those who drink, reminding us that we shall win if we faint not. Mrs. Vernon Forthun gave the response.

Reports were given by the Presidents of each union, telling of the work done during the past year. A duet, "In Shady Green Pastures" was sung by Mrs. Alex Meronuck and Mrs. George Fannik, both from the Benedict Union. Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Nielsen, Rugby, also sang two duets, "Did You Think To Pray" and "Near To The Heart of God."

Mrs. Leonard Bilden, Northwood, gave a very challenging message on the work of the LTL. She said there is no such thing as an unimportant child.

A delicious dinner was served by the Rugby ladies. The posters were looked at and judged at this time.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. Everett Johnson, Benedict. A solo, "Jesus Led Me All the Way," was sung by Mrs. Edward Fannik. The Memorial bouquet was taken to Mrs. Mattie Truax, who was recovering from eye surgery. She is 93 years old.

Rev. Donald Hansel, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Max, gave the afternoon devotions from Matt. 27:27-34. The song, "Take My Life and Let It Be" was sung by the group. Mrs. Jake Steffen gave a report of the National convention she attended.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, State YTC director, encouraged us to work with the youth which are tomorrow's adults, stating there are 1/2 million new alcoholics each year and the age level is dropping rapidly. Fifty per cent of the teen agers use alcohol. Enghty billion dollars are spent annually for alcohol.

The committees reported and resolutions were read by Mrs. Everett Johnson. The Benedict Union invited the Convention for 1970. The group were saddened as they thought of the serious illness of our State President, Mrs. Ottinger. The prayers of those present were for Mrs. Ottinger and also Rev. Eva Peet as she takes on her own responsibility in her church as well as the responsibility for both the vice-president and the president of our state WCTU. It is a big undertaking.

Mrs. Leonard Bilden installed the new officers for 1969 and 1970. They are:

Mrs. Edward Fannik, Max, N. D. -----President
Mrs. Vernon Forthun, Sawyer, N. D. ----Vice-President
Mrs. George Fannik, Max, N. D. -----Secretary
Mrs. Everett Johnson, Max, N. D. -----Treasurer

A poem was read by Mrs. Edward Fannik and closing prayer by Mrs. George Fannik. Adjournment was followed by a coffee hour, enjoyed by all.

RANSOM LaMOURE DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 69th annual convention of the Ransome-LaMoure District of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union met May 13th, 1969 in the Baptist Church, Lisbon, North Dakota, the local Chapter and the Iota Sigma Chapter as co-hostesses.

Mrs. LeRoy Bartel, rural LaMoure, District President, was chairman for the day and she had everything well in hand from the Registration and Coffee Hour at nine o'clock a.m. to the adjournment in the afternoon.

Roll call showed approximately forty in attendance and Enderlin. with a new Union organized last October, was well-attended.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Managing Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, was the guest speaker. She brought messages that were not only inspirational, but informative and educational. The Unions went home encouraged to do more for the Temperance Cause.

Our District is fortunate in having two State Department directors. They are Social Service, Mrs. Leon Hanson and Projection Methods, Mrs. Robert McCleary. They gave reports.

The convention raised the district pledge to the State budget from thirty-five dollars to fifty dollars. They also pledged \$25.00 to go to the YTC Camp at Cooperstown to help pay expenses.

The officers for the year are:

President, Mrs. LeRoy Bartel, LaMoure.
Vice-President, Mrs. Leon Hanson, Verona.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Gackle, Edgeley.
Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Adolph Huether, Lisbon.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Jespersen, Dickey.

The Lisbon Union made one of its members, Mrs. Inez Dorrance, a life member.

Special music was furnished in song by DaVerne Larson and Mary Beth Wiltse, both of Lisbon and Mrs. E. J. Jones furnished organ music.

FARGO WCTU DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Fargo District WCTU convention was held May 6th in the Maple, Sheyenne Church, with the Prosper Union as hostesses. Mrs. Iver Fossum, District president, presided at the meeting which began with devotions by Pastor Thomas Kangas, pastor of the Prosper Parish.

The four unions of the district gave some good reports of fine work done. Mrs. Gorden Langseth, Mrs. Norman Swanson and Mrs. Melvin Gangness gave a Skit entitled, "Tell Me About YTC."

The Memorial Hour was in charge of Mrs. Carl Swanson, and Mrs. Walter Olson had the Noontide prayer. The Prosper union not only served morning coffee but also a bountiful noon lunch.

In the afternoon Mrs. G. A. Rondstvedt sang two solos, accompanied by Hazel Stalheim. A humorous reading was given by Hazel Stalheim.

Mrs. Ralph Kraft of Jamestown, guest speaker, gave an interesting and informative message. Following her talk, several students from the Dakota High School, sang two songs.

Mrs. Kraft was in charge of the White Ribbon Recruit service where two children, David Paul and Mary Kay Swanson were made little White Ribbon Recruits. Mrs. Gorden Langseth sang, "All That I Need Is Jesus."

After this a Silver Medal Speech contest was held, with five students from the Dakota High School in Arthur participating. The winner was Debbie Moen. This same school held a temperance essay contest with awards given here by the Prosper union. The first prize was \$5.00, second prize \$3.00, third prize \$2.00, and the five of honorable mention each received \$1.00.

The new officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President, Mrs. Harry Anderson, West Fargo.
Vice-President, Mrs. Norman Swanson, Arthur.
Secretary, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Harwood.
Treasurer, Mrs. Amil Lund, Fargo.

The meeting was closed by the group singing, "Back To God America." Coffee and fruesta were served by the hostess union after the meeting.

THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT WCTU CONVENTION

The 59th annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Northwest District was held in the Holiness Methodist church, Williston, N. D., on May 20th, 1969. Our motto is, "We will win For Christ." The registration fee, which included the noon lunch was \$1.50.

Registration and coffee began the day. The meeting was opened by all singing "This is My Father's World," followed with devotions by pastor John Trosen, who encouraged the members to lean more heavily upon God for strength and courage in our work.

Greetings to the delegates and friends were given by Mrs. Henry Bruins of Williston and Mrs. A. L. Borsheim of Tioga, responded. Flag salutes were led by Mrs. Cal Andrist from Crosby.

The business meeting was directed by the District President, Mrs. Harry Johnson. She appointed auditing and nominating committees. Roll Call and Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read, also the District report.

A skit was presented by Mrs. Joe Holt, Mrs. Bilden and Mrs. Gangness. Following this the local unions of Williston and Crosby gave reports of the work done by them this past year. After this Mrs. Erickson sang a solo and before the noon luncheon hour the noontide prayer was given by one of the members.

The afternoon session began with a prelude by Elsie Long and a hymn sung by all. Pastor Don Wileman led the devotions. Mrs. Melvin Gangness, state YTC Secretary, also spoke about her work.

The nominating committee reported the following slate of officers:

President, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Williston.
Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Brekke, Ray.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Guy Hoversten, Crosby.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sig Lervik, Williston.
Treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Dordal, Williston.

Mona Holt had charge of the White Ribbon Recruit service and Mrs. Joe Holt spoke on Home Protection. The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Gangness closed the convention with prayer. A Fruesta followed the meeting.

SPECIAL S.O.S.

Mrs. Fortner, National Director of Home Protection, urges us to write to the TV and Radio Stations in protest to the absenities and drinking shown and heard on their programs. This is very important and will bring results if each member of the WCTU expresses their distaste for such vile scenes as are depicted today. Use the Radio-TV monitor to list the programs and it will help you in writing letters.

Following are the addresses of the big networks (their headquarters):

National Broadcasting Company (NBC)
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New York, N. Y. 10020

Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)
51 West 52nd Street,
New York, N. Y. 10019

American Broadcasting Company (ABC)
1300 Avenue of the Americas,
New York, N. Y. 10019

Mrs. Carl W. Bodin, National Director of Public Relations

NOTICE!

Mrs. Bruin's postoffice box number has been changed from 437 to 465. She is taking over Mrs. Elsie Hart's work until the State WCTU Convention in Grand Forks October 15-17th.

Promotion Secretary's Letter

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in His way." Psalm 37:23.

"Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything,
To do it as for Thee."

Dear Co-Workers:

How quickly the time has passed! September will be over half gone by the time this issue reaches you. This is the month in which the dues are to be paid. Each member is to pay \$3.65 as was decided by the National Convention in Anderson, Indiana, last summer. PLEASE get your dues in to your local treasurer as soon as possible. This will be of great help to her so that she in turn may send them to our state treasurer on time. PLEASE do not look upon the \$3.65 as an impossible amount to pay. If you have a Rock of Ages box and have been putting in at least one penny a day you will have the amount needed. Some have been surprised to find much more than that when they opened their boxes. A penny, nickle or dime slipped in from time to time will not even be MISSED, and when the year is up you will have more than enough to meet the requirement. If you have not tried this plan will you not please do so? I will be glad to send Rock of Ages boxes to the Unions who request them. Some have already sent in their requests and this is indeed encouraging. Friends, this is a worthwhile work. The future welfare of our children and young people is at stake. Can ANY of us afford to lessen our efforts? NO INDEED! We need to DOUBLE our efforts. Pray about it and I am certain you will enter into our new WCTU year with greater enthusiasm and determination. Remember - the liquor interests are never idle.

I trust that all the unions are engaged in the Action Ahead Contest. May I urge every union to participate. It will be to your advantage to promote this contest as it will mean more members for your union. It will also aid in getting the dues in on time as well as increase the attendance at your monthly meeting. The team captains should keep track of the points earned by the team and give to the union president. She will total the points gained by the teams and enter them on the report blank which should be returned to me by DECEMBER 15th. If the report is sent to me by December 10th, your union will earn an extra 100 points.

State Convention is just a few weeks away. We are looking forward to having Mrs. Wilma Bodin of St. Paul as our guest speaker. Please make a special effort to be with us. We want to see EVERY UNION represented. Come for a time of inspiration and fellowship and be better prepared to go back and resume the work in your union. See you, the Lord willing, in Grand Forks on October 15-17.

Yours for GREATER ACTION AHEAD
Ragnhild Lima.

REDEEMING THE TIME

The time to protect against the electric chair is while the baby is in the high chair; the time to teach obedience to authority is in the play pen instead of the state pen; the time to counsel a young person about marriage is before he falls in love; the time to show the perils of riches is before one gets rich; the time to save one from death is before he learns from experience that the wages of sin is death. The time to be a friend is before someone dies—not after. Borrowed

Home is a place where we can learn by making a mistake and still not be defeated. It is a place of the second chance.

—James Rathburn

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Pen Points

Dear White Ribboners:

Our Convention is just around the corner and we hope that every union will be well represented there, especially the local presidents and district presidents with their good reports of work accomplished during the year. The members of local unions are needed there too, as the president may fail to remember all the important items which the union as a whole should know. One always goes away with more enthusiasm to go forward in the year ahead. As Paul says in writing to the Philippians, Chapter 3:14, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This is speaking of the christian life, but we, like Paul, "must press toward the mark - -," and God has promised strength for the day.

Will be seeing you October 15-17 in Grand Forks, in the Wesley United Methodist church.

Hazel Huntley, Man. Editor.

A Word To The Wise

Dear Friends:

It is harvest time in North Dakota, even up here close to the Canadian Border. The area in which I live has always seemed to be one of the last in the state to finish harvesting. A former neighbor used to say, waggishly, when twitted by someone downstate on being slow - "It takes time to raise a really good crop." This may not be a bumper crop year, but we are all grateful for the good crop we have.

I found the last issue of our White Ribbon Bulletin very interesting; congratulations to our efficient editor! The two articles concerning Sex Education, which were reprinted from The Texas White Ribbon were highly thought-provoking. How little we really know, of what goes on in the minds of children, what incorrect ideas may be theirs. I was reminded of the young mother I knew, who was distressed because her two little boys, both under school age, had told her they were going to 'Dig a bridge,' out in the yard. She found that they believed the bridge was put there first, and then the water came under it afterward. They could be right, concerning a bridge or culvert over a drainage ditch, but not about a river, and they needed instruction.

Equally true about other important matters, may be the need for mothers to explain some things to quite young children, difficult as that may seem to be. Children who see new kittens or puppies, calves, colts, lambs or pigs, are likely to need little explaining, but others may need it badly. One of the reasons why I like very much the White Ribbon Recruit pledge the mother signs at such a service: "I promise to teach my child the principles of Total Abstinence and Purity." - is the pledge to 'teach.' Much of it comes up naturally, however, along with reasons why faces and hands need to be washed.

Schools will begin for the youngsters and teachers very soon; having once been a teacher, may I remind mothers of young children to be sure that a clean pocket handkerchief is supplied. It is a very important part of the daily school equipment. Also, a teacher may find that a box of Kleenex or its equivalent is a useful thing to have on her desk!

Let us be sure to remember in our prayers, the welfare of our dear Ruth Ottinger, and her husband, as well as our brave Mrs. Peet, who is now carrying the load of responsibility of the leadership of our North Dakota WCTU. If I can, I hope to see many of you at the state WCTU convention in Grand Forks, in October.

Cordially yours,
Elizabeth C. Beasley

Treasurer's Report

June 15 - August 15, 1969

DUES—Belfield 12, Bismarck 3, Dickinson 2, Drayton 1, Ellendale 8, Fargo Union, Fargo 13, Glover 15, Larimore 1, Minot 2, Valley City 14.

CCC—Belfield \$6.00, Crosby \$2.25, Dickinson \$3.50, Gilby \$2.50, Glover \$3.75, Grafton \$12.75, Larimore \$.25, McKenzie \$3.25, Oakes Iota Sigma \$3.00, Park River \$3.00, Rugby \$5.00.

BUDGET—Bismarck \$3.00, Dickinson \$3.00, Fort Clark \$9.00, Glover \$15.00, Grafton \$25.00, Larimore \$1.00, Minot \$2.00, Rugby \$20.00, Tioga \$13.00, Valley City \$75.00.

STATE REPORTS—Larimore \$1.70.

FRANCES WILLARD FUND—Dickinson \$2.00, Drayton \$2.00, Glover \$2.00, Larimore \$2.00, McKenzie \$2.00, Tappen \$2.00, Watford City \$2.00, State YTC \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND—Crosby \$2.00, Drayton \$2.00, Dickinson \$2.00, Fort Clark \$1.00, Glover \$2.00, Larimore \$2.00, McKenzie \$2.00, Tappen \$2.00, Watford City \$2.00, State YTC \$2.00.

CENTURY FUND—Larimore \$3.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS—Dickey, Lisbon, Marion, Prosper, Tower City.

DISTRICT PLEDGES—Northeast District \$50.00.

LTL DUES—Larimore \$2.10, Bismarck \$.90.

YTC DUES—\$15.60.

OTHER GIFTS—CAMP—Mrs. Adele Ruliffson, Fargo, \$10.00; Tower City \$10.00; Memorial to Mrs. John Hammond from Napoleon Union \$5.00; Jamestown \$8.00. For National Convention Expense from Watford City Union \$10.00.

Gifts to Mrs. Ottinger for Pepsi Cola Fund for Viet Nam, Larimore \$5.00; Lisbon \$10.00; Jamestown \$15.00; Sawyer \$3.00; Mrs. Mary Stollsteimer, Whittier, Cal., \$5.00; Miss Hazel L. Minar, Minneapolis, Minn., \$5.00; Mrs. Ethel Griffin, Tower City, \$1.00; Mrs. Arthur Rysgaard, Noonan, \$2.00.

For World Friendship Fund from State YTC—\$19.67.

LITERATURE—Northeast District \$3.00.

WILLARD MEMBERSHIPS—Women 51; Men 12.

HONORARY MEN—Tower City, 8.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP—Women 1181; Men 155.

Mrs. John Gunness, Treasurer.

ROCK OF AGES MEMBERS

Fargo Union, Fargo, N. Dak.—Mrs. M. A. Bursack, Mrs. Andrew Haibeck, Miss Edith Higgins, Miss Grace Higgins, Mrs. Amil Lund, Mrs. J. T. Warne.

ONE IN A MILLION MEMBERS

Larimore Union—Mrs. H. W. Facey, Mrs. Warren Heaton, Mrs. Charles Ouradnik.

NOTICE!

DO NOT send to me any more of the names of Rock Of Ages members, as now all of us are Rock Of Ages members automatically. NOW just send to me the names of "One In A Million" members.

Thank you,
Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Man. Editor.

LITTLE THINGS

It's the little things we do and say, that mean so much as we go our way,

A kindly deed can lift a load from weary shoulders on the road

Or a gentle word, like the summer rain may soothe some heart and banish pain

What joy, or gladness often springs, from doing just the simple "Little Things."

Noontide Hour of Prayer

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere our prayers are rising evermore." Lift up a standard for the people." Isa. 62:10

**IN MEMORIAM
GONE HOME**

"There is no death; The stars go down To rise upon some other shore; And bright in heavens' jeweled crown They shine forevermore."

The Northwood union reports the loss of two members and one honorary member. They are as follows:

Mrs. S. H. Njaa passed away at the Northwood hospital, July 26th, after a lingering illness.

She was born July 24, 1879, at Hanley Falls, Minnesota. She observed her 90th birthday two days before her death. She was a pastor's wife and maintained a high degree of interest in community and church life, being a very helpful companion to her husband. She was one of the members who helped organize the first WCTU in Northwood and was its president for several years. She was always a very active member as long as she was able.

She is survived by her husband, four daughters, two sons, 10 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; also two brothers.

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Mrs. Clara Draxton passed away in the Northwood Nursing Home, July 4th, after a lingering illness. She was born October 4, 1884, being 84 years, 9 months old at the time of her death.

She is survived by four daughters, one of them being Mrs. Leonard Bilden, our State Secretary as well as the local Secretary of the LTL. Mrs. Draxton was a faithful member of the WCTU and is surely missed.

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On June 10th Mr. Olaf Olson passed on to his reward at the age of 84 years. He was an Honorary Member of the Northwood union.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, who is also a member of the local WCTU, and two sons.

Blessed be the memory of these dear departed ones from the Northwood union.

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The Frances Willard Union greatly feel the loss of a beloved member, Mrs. C. M. Carlson (Hanna), who passed away May 21, 1969, in the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, where she had been a patient for a short time. She was laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, beside her husband and two children who preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her departure, three sons, two daughters and several grandchildren.

She was an active and devoted member of the WCTU for over fifty years and had served in many offices in the local union, being at the time of her death, a Rock of Ages member. Her love for the work locally and world wide, her church and family were uppermost in her heart. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. May the memory of her love and faith in our dear Lord and Master prompt us to follow Him.

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Mrs. John (Eva) Hammond, 62, of rural Napoleon, passed away Aug. 7, 1969, in a Bismarck Hospital where she had been a patient for some time.

Eva S. Osborn was born October 12, 1906, to Albert and Elizabeth Osborn on a Logan County farm 12 miles northeast of Napoleon. On Oct. 12, 1934, she was married to John A. Hammond, also of Logan County and the couple moved to the Hammond family farm, 8 miles east of Napoleon where they have lived since.

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IN MEMORIAM— (Continued from page 5)

Mrs. Hammond was a faithful member of the United Methodist church in Napoleon and a very active member of the Napoleon WCTU.

Surviving are her husband, three sons and four daughters. One son preceeded her in death. She is indeed missed by her family and her many friends.

Y. T. C. Sparks

Have you circled on your calendar the date of October 17, 1969? That's YOUTH NIGHT at the State WCTU Convention to be held in the Wesley United Methodist Church, corner of 4th St. and 1st Ave. N.

Make plans early to be with us. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Come and hear Beverly and Marlowe report on Youth Day at National. I know that Paula and Joanne will have something special planned for us. To make this youth night "Tell for YTC," bring your special music and share with the others. To swell the group, why don't "each one bring one."

September is the beginning of our NEW YTC Year. Begin early to plan, prepare and publicize that you may successfully "Lift Off For YTC."

Mrs. Melvin Gangness, Secretary

News Of YTC

COOPERSTOWN — JUNE 25-29, 1969

MEET THE STAFF

Rev. Otto Kinzler, Enderlin, N. D.
Mrs. Geneva Hanson, Englevale, N. D.
Mrs. Cleo Kulish, 1431 1st St. W., Dickinson, N. D.
Mrs. Leona Johnson, Max, N. D.
Mrs. Vi White, Stirum, N. D.
Mrs. Emma Gorder, Grafton, N. D.
Mrs. Everett (Leona) Johnson (staff member) from Max, N. D., attended Youth Day at National Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska.

MINNESOTA—

Irene Morse, 1520 W. Broadway, Minneapolis, Minn.
Bob Hoover, Route 3, Osseo
Dorothy Hoover, Route 3, Osseo
Mrs. Mabel Solum, 219 E. Douglas, Fergus Falls.

YTC WISE CLASS

The theme for the YTC Wise Class this year was "Lift Off For YTC!" Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. White had charge of the class. Thursday each class was introduced to the plan of work. We want to learn to be YTC Wise. Friday each group was organized to represent an actual local YTC meeting. Each member of the local took part in the meeting by answering roll call with a Bible verse, saying the flag pledges, reporting on department committees. They even prepared skits for the banquet on Friday night. Each member of the class vowed that they would go home and promote YTC to the fullest extent. Let's "Lift Off For YTC!"

NARCOTICS CLASSES

Mrs. Norman (Mabel) Solum, Mrs. Dorothy Hoover and Joan Sillerud were the instructors for the Narcotics Classes this year. Each class studied the books, "Alcohol Talks To Youth" (Hamlin), "The Truth about Liquor by the Drink" (Curtis) and "Let's Talk About Goofballs and Pep Pills" (Curtis). Each group also took the test on these books also. Many certificates were earned.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Rev. Kinzler taught the Christian Living Class again this year. The Bible bases for discussion was Romans 12 and I Corinthians 13. Pastor Kinzler told us of some of his experiences in the Christian Life and encouraged us to lead a life worthy of the calling of Jesus Christ. Let's remember the instructions Romans 12 gave us in giving and living the Christian Life. Let's remember that "Love is eternal." We're walking away from camp better able

to live and serve than when we came. Thanks, Pastor Kinzler!

CRAFT CLASS

God has made all things so wonderful, the stars, the heavens and the earth reflect His handiwork and yet God is mindful of man and his unique makeup. It is because of this uniqueness that camp includes craft along with the spiritual, physical and mental exercises that are part of camp life.

The craft in Pioneer Hall was buzzing with activity every afternoon from 1:30 until 4:00. There were those who painted plaques made with plaster of paris. Others worked with wood and the jig saw, while a few covered hangers with art foam. Several also made table decorations for the banquet.

STATE OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

President: Beverly Johnson, Max, N. D., attended National at Lincoln.

Vice President: Lloyd Thompson, Grafton, N. D.

Secretary: Kathy Hoaby, Fargo, N. D.

Education Director: Ilene Lerberg, Marshall, N. D.

Christian Living: Marlowe Kulish, Dickinson, N. D., also went to National at Lincoln.

Public Relations: Jess Hanson, Enderlin, N. D.

Social Director: Paula Van Bramen, Grand Forks.

Personal Mention

Our State President elect, Rev. Eva Peet, and Mrs. Ralph Kraft, State Director of Department of Posters and Films, attended the National WCTU Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 8-12. They reported seeing Mrs. Everett Johnson and daughter Beverly of Max, N. Dak., and Marlowe Kulish from Dickinson, N. Dak., who arrived on Friday evening. Marlowe was song leader for the Saturday evening meeting. North Dakota was well represented at the National Convention.

Mrs. Kraft reports that all National Officers were re-elected for the coming year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kraft returned home from Washington, D. C., where July 10 they visited their son and daughter-in-law, PFC and Mrs. John Kraft. PFC Kraft is a member of the Old Guard there. Mrs. Kraft remained in Washington while Mr. Kraft attended the National Education Association convention in Philadelphia, Pa. While there another son, Pvt. Marilyn Kraft, stationed at Fort Devons, Mass., also visited with them. En route home they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stone, Flint, Mich. Mrs. Stone is the former Marilyn Kraft.

The Ragged Spirit of America

By Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, Pastor of First Baptist church of Merchantville, N. J. and General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey and presented July 8, 1969 at the Inter-State Conference of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Ocean Grove, N. Y., for delegates from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Sometime ago the Humorist-Philosopher, Sam Levinson called for a Geo-Moral Year when on all levels of society we could think about where our new moralities are taking us. He reminded us that we have a Geo-Physical Year for science. Why not a Geo-Moral Year? Well, we certainly need to take time to regain our sense of direction. We do need a Geo-Moral Year when we can re-examine our goals; when we can discover if we are traveling the God-ordained path that leads to righteousness, peace and heaven or the Devil-directed highway where man becomes less than God intended him to be and that eventually terminates in judgment, destruction and

hell.

God has permitted the inventive human mind to engage in exploration into space and into the "locked away" secrets of nuclear power. Man has developed so many things that could make the world better. Why then is it worse?

When President Richard M. Nixon delivered his inaugural address in January, whether he knew it or not, he was delivering what might be called a "key note" speech for the opening of a Geo-Moral Year. He said:

"We find ourselves rich in goods but ragged in spirit . . . Reaching for the moon but falling into raucous discord on earth . . . To a crisis of the spirit we need the answer of the spirit . . . Our great need is to meet the crisis of the ragged spirit of our day."

Let's think about this ragged spirit of our day . . . this day in July, 1969, in the 193rd year of the history of these United States of America. Our forebears had a rugged spirit when they came to these shores. Those soldiers of the Colonial Army at Valley Forge were ragged in their dress, but they were ragged in spirit. Through the years of war and panic and depression millions of Americans were making sacrifices and many did not have much of this world's goods but they had a rugged spirit. They overcame their fear with rugged faith and hard work. Today we have an abundance of material things but we are paupers of the spirit.

Let's look at some of these ragged spots in America. OBSCENITY is having a hey day in our land. In Philadelphia the other night the Park Commissioner threatened to turn out the lights on an off Broadway play. A reviewer for one Philadelphia paper wrote, "If all the obscenities, blasphemies, and racial slurs were removed from the script, it would be almost over before it was started." This play, called Scuba Duba, has been bought up by one of the movie producers for \$150,000. The newspaper reporter said that between acts he "looked for surprise, shock or amazement on the faces of the audience but they seemed to be enjoying the show as much as their 30 cent soft drinks and 25 cent coffee." He said that he listened for outraged remarks but heard none. And the second act was worse than the first. He thought that any minute an officer of the law would come down the aisle to close the show. But an officer never came and the audience put up with it. Maybe they were like the woman in Stamford who demanded her admission fee back from a theatre that had removed an objectionable scene from a questionable film. She said, "I paid for filth and I want to see filth."

What has happened to America? We are reaping the harvest of the permissive society. We are accepting today through the communication media things that were unknown to us just a short time ago. Obscenity, nudity on the stage and on motion picture screens, profanity, frankness that borders on crudeness and much of this is being piped into our own living rooms. We blame the courts, and they certainly deserve it. We blame the people who sell filth in books, magazines and on the screen and stage and are getting rich on it. And they ought to be blamed. But we Christians ought to take some of the blame ourselves. It used to be that Christians took a dim view of the motion picture industry, and particularly any of their productions that violated the Christian conscience. But what has happened to the Christian conscience? A Swedish motion picture film was confiscated some months ago by the United States Custom office. A Federal Jury heard testimony for and against the alleged obscenity of the film. Then the government made available the screening of the film for a jury of men and women. They saw its frank passages that culminated in total nudity. They were convinced that the film should not be shown. However, they were overruled by a panel of three judges on a two to one vote with Judges Paul N. Hays

and Henry J. Friendly voting to permit the showing of this film to the public . . . a film that had been confiscated by the Custom Office and banned by a Federal Jury.

This court decision was bad enough but now the June 15th issue of TEMPO, a bi-monthly publication of the National Council of Churches carries a review of this objectionable film by a theological professor who says:

"If the reader is surprised that I have reviewed this whole controversial film without a single reference to its explicit sex scenes, there is a reason. The nudity in I AM CURIOUS (YELLOW) is explicit and integral. It is not hauled in to titillate. One such scene, the savage fight between Lena and Bjorge, gains an added dimension of elemental terror because both persons are naked. In short, the unclothed scenes in I AM CURIOUS (YELLOW) make a very good movie even better."

There you have, ladies and gentlemen, this ragged spot of obscenity with the approval of a man who is writing books that some Christians are studying and who is teaching men who some day may be the pastors of your churches. And his views are being publicized with some of your dedicated Christian money.

Let's give some strong support to men like Senator John O. Pastore of Rhode Island who has been twisting the arms of the TV net works to try to get them to clean up television. Senator Pastore wrote in TV Guide that the idea of permissiveness with its risqué performances, vulgar gestures and suggestive jokes "has day by day been getting worse and worse and worse and a lot of people are very much disturbed by it." He said that he and other members of the Congress had been swamped by complaints.

Let's give support to some bills in the Congress . . . two of which have been introduced by Southern New Jersey Congressman John E. Hunt and William T. Cahill. Many of these bills are designed to bring a Federal crack-down on pornographic dealers who offer their wares to children through the mails. Some of these are strong measures that would make the mailing of hard core pornography to children an offense punishable by a stiff fine and prison sentence. The volume of mailing coming to Congressmen about this insidious pornographic business is staggering. OBSCENITY is one of the ragged spots of America.

And the widespread acceptance and use of ALCOHOL AND NARCOTICS is another one. Narcotics can be labeled a Youth Problem today. A few weeks ago six United States Congressmen urged the President to employ the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Marshals to fight the growing narcotics menace which has spread into our colleges and high schools. We have only 707 Federal narcotics agents throughout the country. If the FBI and the United States Marshals could be assigned to anti-narcotics duty it would increase their number to 8,494. Whether we recognize it or not there has been an alarming increase in the use of narcotics by people under 18. It has now reached an emergency status. Narcotics violations among teen agers has jumped 778 per cent in recent years.

I have seen some of the "Underground Newspapers." I understand that they also have a kind of wire service through which they keep in touch with each other and supply news stories. I have no idea from where they operate, but from some of the articles I have seen, I think they originate from that region which the Lord Jesus described as a place of outer darkness where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And one of the favorite themes of the Underground Press is that marijuana or pot is not really harmful. I have seen some evidence of how marijuana can twist a human mind. The National Institute of Mental Health has appropriated four million dollars for research on the effects of marijuana. But there is certainly enough incriminating evidence right now

to enable us to say, without hesitation, that marijuana is a dangerous drug. It is highly unpredictable in nature, and used by unpredictable people will sooner or later produce unpredictable results.

And the use of BEVERAGE ALCOHOL is also a youth problem. Over a seven year period arrests for drunkenness of men under 18 years of age increased by 78.6% while arrests for women of the same age increased 90.7%.

Some agencies of the Federal Government as well as members of the Congress have been laboring diligently to curtail the advertisement of cigarettes on radio and television and rightly so. They have become alarmed because on 1964 the Advisory Commission to the United States Public Health service declared, "Cigarette smoking is a health hazard of sufficient importance in the United States to warrant appropriate remedial action."

Let's not overlook the fact, however, that last year Biostatistician, Dr. Sidney Pell and Dr. C. A. D'Alonzo of the Dupont Medical staff gave a report to the annual meeting of the American Medical Society which indicated that heavy drinkers are more likely than non-drinkers to develop chronic degenerative diseases. Dr. M. H. Kniseley of the South Carolina Medical College says, "Alcohol causes cumulative brain damage." And Dr. G. E. Burch of Tulane University incriminates alcohol to cancer of the pancreas. If these scientists are correct in their accusations and if six to seven million of our citizens are already classified as alcoholics should not the Surgeon General of the United States and the members of the Congress who are alarmed at the harmful effects of tobacco also act to eliminate the advertising of beverage alcohol and to require that warning labels of the health hazards of alcoholic beverages be printed on every bottle and can containing these products?

We can't overlook the ragged spirit evidenced in the EVER INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON LEGALIZED GAMBLING to pay the cost of Government. One State after another has been turning back the clock legalizing various forms of gambling to pay for the ever increasing cost of government. Economies in government seem to be old-fashioned . . . but lawmakers are utilizing old discarded 17th Century failures like lotteries to supply 20th Century answers to the problems of the State. History tells us that the lottery is morally questionable. Some of the most impoverished nations in the world that keep knocking on America's door for foreign aid keep their people poor with lotteries.

We have been hearing much recently about the Mafia and organized crime. In New Jersey last year we heard some charges about public officials being comfortable with criminals. Who will deny that gambling breeds crime and corruption in society? And the more gambling we legalize the bigger society's welcome mat becomes to the lawless elements. This year New Jersey lawmakers were very anxious to make the welcome mat even bigger. They conducted a Public Hearing on a Lottery Bill on March 4th. By the first of May the Lottery Bill had been passed by both Houses of the Legislature. Interestingly enough the Hearing had not been transcribed by the first of June and as far as we know the transcript is still not available at this date (July 8th). We might question why lawmakers would spend the taxpayers' money to conduct a Public Hearing on a Lottery measure and then vote for it without studying the transcript of the Hearing? But this seems to be the record. If the Lawmakers had read the transcript of the Hearing they might have registered some concern about the testimony of the sponsor of the bill who would like to sell lottery tickets for twenty-five cents.

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Mrs. E. J. Huntley

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